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E. O. 11652: GDS

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SU0 J: INDIA- BANGLADESH JOINT COMMUNIQUE

1. INDIAN CHARGE GONSALVES CALLED AMB MEYER APRIL 17 WITH REGARD TO JOINT INDIA- BANGLADESH COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AFTER BGG FONMIN KAMAL HOSSEIN VISIT TO DELHI. SAID THAT INDIANS HAD HOPED FOR SOME INITIATIVE AFTER BG ELECTIONS AND HAD WORKED HARD TO GET GREATER FLEXIBILITY IN BG POSITION. WITH CONSIDERABLE DIFFICULTY AND MUCH SKILLFUL WORK BY SPECIAL REP HAKSAR, INDIANS SUCCEEDED IN GETTING MUJIB TO BACK DOWN ON MAJOR POINT OF PRINCIPLE, HIS INSISTENCE THAT PAK RECOGNITION OF BG PRECEDE RELEASE OF POW'S. THIS WAS HARD FOR MUJIB TO ACCEPT AND GOI CONSIDERED THEY HAD CONSIDERABLE ACHIEVEMENT ON THIS POINT.

2. AMB MEYER AGREED THAT BG FLEXIBILITY ON RECOGNITION QUESTION WAS STEP FORWARD BUT NOTED THAT TONE OF MUCH OF COMMUNIQUE HIGHLY ANTAGONISTIC TO PAKS AND HARDLY CONDUCTIVE TO RESOLUTION CURRENT IMPASSE. GONSALVES AGREED, BUT SAID THAT GOI AND BGG HAD TO CONSIDER THEIR OWN  
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DOMESTIC PUBLIC OPINION PROBLEMS IN FORMULATING COMMUNIQUE.  
IN RESPONSE TO AMB MEYER' S QUERY AS TO NEXT STEP,  
GONSALVES SAID INDIA HOPED THAT PAKS WOULD AVOID HASTY  
AND NEGATIVE RESPONSE AND WOULD AT LEAST REGARD OFFER AS  
BASIS FOR DISCUSSIONS ON ISSUES INVOLVED.

3. AMB MEYER NOTED THE BIHARI ISSUE SEEMED ONLY RECENTLY  
TO HAVE COME TO FORE AND WONDERED IF IT MIGHT NOT PROVE  
TO BE ROADBLOCK. GONSALVES COUNTERED THAT MUJIB HAD  
TALKED OF THEIR REPATRIATION FOR SOME TIME. MOREOVER,  
SINCE THEY SUPPORTED PAK ARMY, BHUTTO OWED BIHARIS DEBT  
OF HONOR. IN ANY CASE, ONLY ABOUT ONE- HALF OF BIHARIS  
HAD OPTED FOR PAKISTAN AND THIS CONSIDERABLY SMALLER THAN  
NUMBER OF BENGALLEES WHO SEEKING TO LEAVE PAKISTAN FOR  
BG.

4. ON WAR CRIMES TRIALS, AMB MEYER ASKED ROUGHLY HOW  
MANY PEOPLE WOULD BE INVOLVED. GONSALVES REPLIED THAT  
THERE WOULD BE BETWEEN 150-250 PO" S AND THEY WOULD BE  
TURNED OVER TO BG AUTHORITIES AFTER NORMAL EXTRADITION  
REQUESTS. ( CONVERSATION TOOK PLACE BEFORE RECEIPT DACCA  
MESSAGE ADVISING THAT 195 WOULD BE CHARGED.)

5. GONSALVES ADDED THAT INDIANS AWARE DEPSEC RUSH AND  
ASST SECY SISCO ARRIVING SHORTLY IN SUBCONTINENT AND  
WOULD FACE PRESS QUESTIONS ON COMMUNIQUE. IT OBVIOUSLY  
UP TO US TO DETERMINE OUR RESPONSE, BUT GOI HOPED THAT  
IN ANY PUBLIC COMMENT WE WOULD RESPOND ALONG USUAL LINES,  
E. G. RECENT STATEMENTS OF ASST SECY SISCO INDICATING US  
BACKING FOR SIMLA PROCESS AND OUR HOPE THAT PARTIES  
THEMSELVES COULD FIND SOLUTION TO COMPLEX ISSUES IN  
CURRENT INDIA- PAK- BG DEADLOCK. ROGERS

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